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The

Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Ralph Gring

MADISON
A surprise is in store for all residents of the neighborhood of Madison Elementary School, during the week before Christmas when the Madison PTA Board members, under the direction of Mrs. Neil Conway, publicity and record book chairman, will tour the neighborhood to serenade all with the old familiar Christmas Carols. Neighbors are invited to open their doors to an evening of inspiring and cheerful holiday atmosphere.

PARKWAY
Parkway PTA has adopted a Head Start Class again this year and preparations for Christmas crafts are underway. Anyone interested in donating craft items or any gifts that could be used by the Head Start class should contact Mrs. C. J. Blades.

The Christmas meeting of Parkway PTA was held recently and the program presented by Parkway students. The featured chairman for the meeting were Mmes. Betty Sanchez, music, and Nancy Keegan, publicity chairman.

HOWARD WOOD
Congratulations are extended to the students of Howard Wood Elementary School, on their very successful Viet Nam drive. Mr. Harinski, vice principal, announced at the Wednesday, Dec. 6, PTA board meeting that 150 pounds of items were mailed to the infantry in Viet Nam. Included were 20 pounds of toothpaste and five pounds of letters written by the students. Eighty pounds of books will be sent after the holidays.

Mmes. Paul Crossman, Carl Kildoo, William Brown and Mr. Mark Littleford attended the ECT luncheon held in December.

Mrs. Robert Philpott has been ratified as librarian of Howard Wood PTA.

EVELYN CARR
"Know-ell" was the theme of Evelyn Carr PTA Dec. 13 meeting. The flag ceremony was led by the Shashone Indian Maidens and a musical program presented by the school orchestra and chorus, under the direction of Mr. Marcus and Mrs. Ray. A skit was presented under the direction of Mrs. Coates.

A group of seventh and eighth grade girls went to Carr's adopted Head Start Class Dec. 15 and sang Christmas Carols and gave gifts to the children.

FLAVIAN
Flavian PTA met for its December PTA meeting with the theme, "Singing in the Saddle." James Davidson,

music director, led the Flavian students with Denise deLaCourt doing a solo. The Christmas Inspirational was sung by the Flavian-Towers Mothersingers.

A toy drive has been conducted for the lending library this month by Mrs. Clayton Gage, president.

Featured chairmen for the PTA meeting were Mmes. Wayne Schafer, music, and James Thornton, courtesy. Second grade mothers were the holiday hostesses.

CALLE MAYOR
Members of Calle Mayor PTA assisted their adopted Head Start school with a Christmas Party.

Mrs. William Wilcox, preschool chairman, and Mrs. Sheldon Goldenson presented a Quiet Book and Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, made by PTA board members. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus attended the party and distributed gifts of candy and small toys, made by Junior Girl Scout Troop 455.

SOUTH HIGH
A short business meeting led by Mrs. John Heglin, South High PTA president, will be held in December when South High Music Department is featured on the program.

Election of a nominating committee for next year's PTA officers and reports of ways and means and educational council chairmen will be heard.

GRACE WRIGHT
Dec. 13, marked the first annual Christmas Program and Formal dedication of the school — the 40th in Torrance.

Mrs. Grace Wright, guest of honor, was presented a corsage including a pin as a momentum of the school dedicated in her honor. Other invited guests included Mrs. Wright's family, Dr. J. H. Hull, members of the Board of Education, the School Consultant for Grace Wright, Mrs. Perry Baker, Torrance Council PTA president, the faculty and principal, Mr. William E. Leahy.

An educational meeting will be held in the future with Mr. William E. Leahy, principal; Mrs. Theodore Kyte, chairman; Mrs. Dennis Mulvaney, PTA president, a Torrance Narcotics officer and a committee of Grace Wright student parents attending to discuss the growing problem of narcotics and our children. Additional meetings will be held to keep abreast of this problem.



COURT HOS PITALITY

Court St. Catherine, CDA, welcomed new members at a reception at the parish hall. Following initiation, refreshments were served. Mrs. Elles Cook, grand regent, presiding at the coffee urn, serves new members, from left, Mmes. Allen Spangler, John Ortiz, Donald Randles, Marvin Griswold, and Jerry Lewis, district deputy. (Stanford Photo)

Catholic Daughters Court Stages Reception for New Members

Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, welcomed eighteen new members at a formal reception held recently at the Nativity parish hall with Mrs. Elles Cook, grand regent, presiding. Mrs. Cook was assisted by Mrs. Jerry Lewis, district deputy.

New members received into the Court were Mmes. John Stawasz, Roger Carpenter, Marvin Griswold, Leo Perez, Clyde Burkhardt, William Hauser, Oren Davis, Michael Donovan, John Patrick.

Also, Mmes. Richard Molony, Donald Randles,

Joseph Arriola, John Ortiz, Donald Black, Lucien Burke, Allen Spangler, Thelma Gramah and Beatrice Bundy.

Others initiated were Betty Kehoe, Court St. Michael 1633, Nell Fellow and Ann Morgan, Court Queen of Peace 1969.

Responsible for the application of these new members was Mrs. Richard Ban, chairman of extension.

Officers of the court, in long white formal gowns, presented the impressive candlelight ceremony, telling of the aims of the Catholic Daughters of America.

Mrs. Paul Labanawski, vice-regent, welcomed the new members followed by a message from Mrs. Robert

Crain, lecturer. Mrs. Beverly Williams, monitor, gave a talk on "Patriotism." The Color Guard, Mmes. Louie Derouin, Robert Hammerle and Laura Kuhn, led the pledge to the Cross, salute to the Flag and the National Anthem. Mrs. Emma Hamilton was the musician.

Hostesses for the reception were Mmes. George Rausch and Ray Montenegro assisted by court members.

Distinguished guests included Mmes. Arthur Rinaldi, state monitor; Dolor Bombardier, past state regent; Pauline Sundquist, Charles Butterfield and Robert Klaesges, area chairmen; and district deputies and grand regents.

Woman's Club Aids CARE at Yule Season

The holiday spirit of giving will be emphasized at the Wednesday, Dec. 20 meeting of the Torrance Woman's Club when members decorate a Christmas tree with money to be given to CARE. This year the California Federation of Women's Clubs is sending seed and tool kits through CARE to Latin American countries, and the Torrance club is supporting this good-neighbor project.

The meeting will start with a 12:30 p.m. potluck luncheon at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave. A business meeting will follow with Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, president, in charge.

Christmas carols and a gift exchange between members will complete the afternoon.

Local B&PW Club Combines Initiation, Annual Yule Party

A combined Christmas Party and initiation of new members is planned by Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club for Monday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Indian Village Restaurant in Torrance.

Membership Chairman Rae Reinman is in charge of the dinner meeting and has announced the new members who will be officially initiated that evening, Mmes. Bernelle Harbert, Mae Parker, Trudy Rumlill, Marge Cummins, Wan'la Palisca; Misses Eveline Erikson and Marie Peas-nall.

A gift exchange among the members as well as a donation toward an annual Christmas gift for the Navajo Indians will bring the festive evening to a close.

All women in the business and professional field in this area are invited to attend. Reservations can be made by contacting Chairman Rae Reinman or President Flora Hameetman.

Gardena Emblem Club To Make Christmas Merry for Children

Children's Baptist Home of Southern California, 7115 S. Victoria, Inglewood, has been adopted by the Gardena Emblem Club 257 as their major charity.

The home under the direction of John S. Winter, provides care for 60 children at this time. There are fifteen girls and forty-five boys, ages six to thirteen, in the home at present.

Chairmen Mmes. Paul Swiggart, Joe Priselac and Kenneth Jones have planned a Christmas party for the children on Dec. 19. Toys, ice cream, cookies and favors have been donated.

Former Resident Here For Visit
Mrs. Robert Mosher, former resident, who has made her home in Elmira, N. Y. for the past eight years, spent last weekend here as the houseguest of Mrs. Margaret Kelsey, 817 Madrid. Mrs. Mosher was on vacation in California visiting her two daughters in Westminster.

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

It's amazing the amount of information you can get out of those little datebooks put out by greeting card companies. Not only do they contain lists of "red letter" days on the calendar—to remind you to send cards—but you can also look up birthstones for each month, plus names for all of the wedding anniversaries from the first to the 60th.

Incidentally, since I could find nothing listed for our most recent, November 21st I guess I shouldn't feel too bad, because that's exactly what we received—nothing.

What fascinated me most in one of the datebooks was a section devoted to "The Dictionary of Flowers," because I, for one, was unaware that every flower has its own meaning. Oh, I had a general idea that a rose signifies, "Love," but I didn't know that a hidden message was contained in so many of the others. But to go on, a violet means modesty; forget-me-nots, faithfulness; rosemary (not the spice), remembrance.

According to the book, you could practically carry on a correspondence course with flowers.

However, I'll have to admit that when you've been married as long as we have, I do not have to consult "The Dictionary of Flowers" to look things up, in that I am not exactly deluged by boxes of flowers arriving daily.

But it might be fun to renew the custom of sending messages via flowers. Perhaps I could start out by sending a boutonniere of peach blossoms to my husband at his office which translated means, "I am your captive."

This would be his cue to return the favor by sending me a bouquet of ambrosia which means, "Love returned."

To keep up our correspondence I could reply with a \$7.50 spray of golden columbine which signifies, "Anxious and trembling." But by that time the tab at the floral company might be running too high so he'd have to settle by telephoning me to say he'd be home on the 6:15 train.

Of course, flowers aren't the only form of gifts you can send which carry hidden meanings. You need only consult all of the ads for perfume to see what I mean. For instance, "Tabu—the Forbidden Fragrance," which shows a man sweeping a woman into his arms from her piano bench, once he gets a whiff of her. Well, I'll have you know that it doesn't always work. But, perhaps, I ought to try sitting at a piano, instead of behind an ironing board.

Even more daring in their approach, however is the promotion for men's toiletries which brazenly cry, "Tonight!" or "Everything goes!" and "No Holds Barred."

Let's face it, you can't even send a flashlight anymore, because it too has a double entendre, "Everready."

Rho Epsilon Christmas Party Dec. 18

Members of Rho Epsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet Monday, Dec. 18, for their annual Christmas party. The 8 p.m. event will take place at the home of Mrs. John Shetler, president. Highlighting the evening will be a program on "Nature," given by Mrs. Robert Heinsohn. In keeping with the holiday season, she will demonstrate the use of nature's bounty in the festive celebration.

Following the program, members will fill stockings for the children of a needy family and then will exchange gifts at which time "secret sisters" will be revealed.

Secretaries to Note Christmas

Twin Harbor Chapter of National Secretaries Association (International) will hold its annual Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Robert Neely, one of the organizers and charter members of the chapter, will open her home at 30310 Granada Dr., Palos Verdes. A holiday buffet and a "goodie" auction will highlight the evening.

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Remember The Children

The 60 children at the Baptist Home in Inglewood will have the merriest Christmas ever since the Gardena Emblem Club has chosen the home as its major philanthropy and will stage a party there Tuesday afternoon. Having a session with Santa Claus are from the left, Mrs. Paul Swiggart, Santa (Pete Jensen) and Mrs. Joe Priselac, another chairman.

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